Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 04 May 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 05 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 04 May 2021 at 02:35

Confidence: High for a continuing unsettled regime, moderate for shower distribution and intensity.

Headline for Tuesday 04 May 2021: Showers merging to some longer spells of snow, severe gales easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 04 May 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	60%	70%	70%	70%

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Weather: Westerly to northwesterly winds will moderate during the early hours, but gusts will continue to reach gale force until around mid-morning. The strong winds will bring frequent showers across the park during the early hours, these falling as snow across the highest peaks. During the day we will see little change, with further showers, which will turn heavy at times, with a risk of hail and also possibly thunder at times. Showers will continue into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% during the early hours, but increasing to 60% after dawn, but decreasing to 30% in the evening.

Visibility: Generally very good away from showers, but falling to moderate during rain showers and poor during any sleet or snow showers. Cloud bases are likely to lower to around 500m during the passage of showers, obscuring views from the tops, with cloud bases also lowering more widely to 500m during the late evening

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	47/56 NW	40/50 NW	35/46 NW	31/41 NW	24/31 NW	23/29 NW	16/21 N
600	33/41 NW	30/39 NW	26/37 NW	22/31 NW	18/25 NW	14/19 NW	10/15 N
300	23/38 NW	22/36 NW	20/35 NW	16/27 NW	14/23 NW	8/16 NW	7/13 N
Valley	24/38 NW	22/37 NW	21/35 NW	16/27 NW	14/24 NW	9/17 NW	8/14 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-0/-10	0/-9	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-7
600	2/-6	2/-5	3/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4
300	4/-2	4/-1	5/0	5/0	4/-0	3/-0	2/-1
Valley	5/-0	6/0	6/2	6/2	6/2	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	700m	800m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Winds likely 10-15mph stronger then shown at 900m at times across highest peaks. Severe wind chill expected on peaks early in the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 05 May 2021

Weather: Another cold day with scattered showers, with the risk of hail at times, and also some sleet and snow across the highest peaks. In-between the showers, some clear/sunny spells will develop. Winds will be lighter, which may help it feel slightly less cold than Tuesday.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 20mph gusting 30mph, falling to 10mph gusting 15mph later in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% rising to 70% during the morning, then 90% by the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally very good away from showers, but falling to moderate during the passage of showers. Cloud bases are to be around 400 to 500m during the early hours, before gradually lifting above the summits during the morning. Cloud bases may temporarily reduce to 600m during the passage of showers, obscuring the views from the tops of the mountains.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 03 Celsius to Plus 12 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 03 Celsius rising to Plus 00 Celsius
Freezing level: Initially around 600m but rising to around 800m by lunchtime

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